Proposal for routing funds through DRDA

2184. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for routing the funds to the Panchayats through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA);

(b) if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether funds are allotted to DRDA for rural development under various heads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the fund allotted and spent under various heads during the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) At present the funds of Ministry of Rural Development are being routed to the Panchayats through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY).

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

LPG Agencies in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra

†2185. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies allotted in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the target of allotment of such agencies that was fixed for the said period in the said States;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to meet the target?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) During the last three years, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have allotted 334 LPG distributorships in Uttar Pradesh and 217 LPG distributorships in Maharashtra.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.